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Circumstances of Diem/Nhu deaths very important in order for us to take appropriate public attitude. Essential therefore we have actual and true facts rather than conflicting accounts and rumors. Request you urgently ascertain true story, if necessary from Big Minh himself. In latter case explain we consider essential that uncertainty be dispelled promptly and satisfactorily not only to settle welter of rumor but also to stem possible international furor over incident in absence clear and convincing explanation.

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